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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. European Patent Application No. 0 623 954, published November 9, 1994.
2. United States Patent No. 6,013,948, issued January 11, 2000.
3. United States Patent No. 6,072,239, issued June 6, 2000.
4. United States Patent No. 6,221,682, issued April 24, 2001.
5. United States Patent No. 6,429,532, issued August 6, 2002.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding Chinese Office action dated July 22, 2003.

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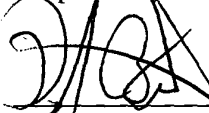
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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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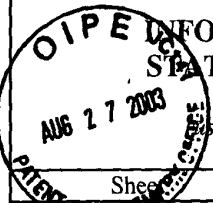
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Applicant:	NEC Corp.
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Attached is a copy of written opinion drawn up by the Examiner in connection with the request made for:


- ☒ Search and Examination Report; or
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You are invited to respond to this opinion by submitting:

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